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**Applicant:** Matthew G. Fishler et al.  
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**For:** SYSTEM AND METHOD OF GENERATING AN OPTIMAL  
THREE-STEP DEFIBRILLATION WAVEFORM FOR USE IN AN  
IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVERTER/DEFIBRILLATOR (ICD)

**Examiner:** K. Schaetzle  
**Art Unit:** 3762

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated February 11, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows: